





## THE FRENCH AND ENGLISH PRESS ON THE TONGKING DIFFICULTY.

A lengthy interview took place on the 6th September between the Marquis Tating and M. Challemel-Lacour, and the misunderstanding which was thought to exist between them appears to have been satisfactorily arranged. M. Challemel-Lacour received the Chinese Minister with marked cordiality, and the interview was of the most satisfactory character. The negotiations (says the *Standard's* correspondent) will continue *de die in diem*. Both M. Challemel-Lacour and the Chinese Minister consider that there is a fair prospect of their being brought to a satisfactory issue.

The *Paris Telegraph*, which in the main supports the Ministers, fervently hopes that the Tong-King affair will be settled without a conflict with China. It deeply regrets that M. Challemel-Lacour recalled M. Bourée, an experienced Oriental diplomatist, and repudiated his very acceptable treaty. It mentions the rumour that M. Patenotre, French Minister in Stockholm, who lived two years in China, is now to succeed M. Tricou. M. Patenotre was M. Jules Ferry's Secretary at Athens, and is high in his confidence. The cost of an unsuccessful expedition already incurred is not a small sum, but twenty-five or thirty millions.

The news that China is resolved to interfere in Tong-King to affirm her suzerain rights on Annam has produced a great impression in Paris, and M. Challemel-Lacour is the object of the most violent attacks. "Where does M. Challemel-Lacour intend leading us?" exclaims the *Gazette*. "Can he hope to hold himself on the frontier of an empire of 20,000,000 of men without an understanding with that empire? If he hopes this he is *un fou*. If he knows what he is about, to what speculations is he sacrificing us? The fathers of families whose children he sends to die in Cochinchina have surely the right to demand an account of the blood he is shedding. We only hold our own in Cochinchina thanks to our gunboats. But how long will this superiority last? Does he think that reinforcement of 12,000, or even of 20,000, men could ensure to us the possession of Tong-King? Poor man!"

It is evident that the intelligence of Chinese troops having penetrated the frontier is the reverse of incredible to the Chinese Charge d'Affaires in Paris. The *Temps* publishes the following:—Lion Qui Tseng, the Charge d'Affaires, in the absence of Marquis Tating, who is at present in London, replied to questions that "it was possible the Chinese Government had reinforced the troops it has on the frontier, the new treaty imposed (sic) on Tu Duc's successor having given renewed strength to the war party." On the observation that it was not the Chinese frontier that was spoken of, but a march of regular troops on Haidong—that is, across Tong-King territory, Lion Qui Tseng remarked that Tong-King being a province of a vassal State, where, since Tu Duc's death, a state of things had prevailed which was incompatible with the suzerainty of Peking, the Chinese Government might consider itself as entitled, in case of need, to send its troops thither. The Charge d'Affaires added that the Legation had received no notification of the treaty with Annam, and that consequently it did not require to protest against a document of which it was supposed to know nothing. "It is said," he remarked, "that Admiral Meyer has been ordered with his squadron to take the notification of the treaty to the Chinese Government. We trust the French Government has not taken such a step, which could only complicate the situation."

The *Daily Telegraph* believes that it would be impossible to exaggerate the gravity of the situation. France is now seen to be standing on the brink of a war with the Celestial Empire, which she has already provoked, but only at a tremendous cost. It has been obvious for some time that the French were doing all that they could to render a compromise with Peking impossible. It is true that war has not yet been declared, but, whether China does or does not mean war, events are hurrying her forward.

The *St. James's Gazette* writes—"China, instead of being ousted by the Treaty of Huế, has simply been exasperated into a forcible assertion of her suzerain rights. The mandarins in Tong-King decline to obey the orders of an unrecognized Prince in the South. The French, far from being in a position to send men to garrison the new posts in Annam, and to occupy the ceded province, are at their wits' end to secure their position in Tong-King. There is no talk to-day of the advance on Sontay, which was to complete the overthrow of the Black Flag, and establish the influence of the Republic to the very borders of the Celestial. It seems rather a question to which point the invading host of Chinamen is directing its course; whether the two companies who hold the lately-won Haidong will be attacked, or whether the assault will be made first on Hanoi or Haiphong. One thing is quite certain, it is to be avoided, the French War-office must understand that it is on the very brink of war with China."

harking on a difficult and perilous enterprise. A war between France and China likely to be long, bloody, and expensive would be disastrous to the commerce of the world. It would be especially and almost incalculably calamitous to our own trade.

## IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

The miserable men who were lately condemned to penal servitude for life in Liverpool, and those sentenced for a similar offence some time since in London, constitute together the most serious addition to the ranks of our convicts for many years. They have already passed out of public attention, and for twenty years at least nothing will be heard of them, except in the case of death, when possibly a brief notice of the fact may find its way into the papers. A sentence of penal servitude for life is undoubtedly a very dreadful one for any one to undergo. It falls, however, no doubt with very different effect on individuals of different temperaments. One of the prisoners who went to their doom a few weeks back passed from the dock with an invitation to his sister to meet him in heaven; another of them went, seemingly strong in the assurance that something would yet turn up for his benefit. A dash of the Micawber temperament in a man's composition must be peculiarly valuable to one under sentence of penal servitude for the term of his natural life, though as a rule, with terribly few exceptions, there can be no reasonable ground for the indulgence of any hope when once the sentence has been passed. Nothing in this world is much more certain than that a criminal upon whom an English judge has pronounced sentence of penal servitude will undergo that sentence in all its rigour—subject, of course, to such curtailment as the law permits. On this point of curtailment there is a very common misapprehension. Most persons are aware that a criminal sentenced to seven, ten, or twenty years' penal servitude, will under certain conditions—very generally, though of course erroneously, believed to consist largely in "coming the pious dodge" with the chaplain—be liberated before the expiration of his sentence on a "ticket-of-leave." The popular expression is, though "ticket-of-leave" is the term adopted in the Act of 1875, "a licence to go." It is generally supposed, however, that a sentence for life permits of no such relaxation of rigour, and that a prisoner who is thus doomed will never know liberty again. This is scarcely correct, however. A convict under sentence for life will certainly remain a prisoner for twenty years; but if during those twenty years he has been well conducted, and has steadily performed his daily round of work, he may then be allowed to go at large on licence. If the record against him should be found on examination to be unsatisfactory, he will of course be subject to further detention, but his case will certainly come up for consideration at the end of twenty years, and he will have a chance of a licence the same as any other prisoner.

In all other respects a life-convict is treated precisely as other prisoners are. Indeed there is now but one routine for all convicted criminals, and the distinction between "imprisonment" and "penal servitude" has now no significance whatever. These terms are relics of a time when those sentenced to less than two years' imprisonment were confined in some ordinary goal within the United Kingdom, and those under sentence of more than two years were sent to the hulks or to Millbank penal servitude prison, or in case of longer sentence were transported. Now, however, the hulks and transportation have been abolished, and all the prisons of England are under the same control and are managed upon a uniform system, there is no practical difference between imprisonment and penal servitude. All prisoners—criminals, of course—not those under detention from any cause arising out of civil proceedings—go through the same routine, and all are supposed to labour. They are all in a condition of penal servitude, and except such differences as come in the course of the longer sentences they are all treated alike. A prisoner, then, condemned to penal servitude for the term of his natural existence, goes through the way of all other prisoners, quite irrespective of his crime or his character. The previous career and character of the prisoner, says Sir Edmund Ducane, "makes no difference in the punishment to which he is subjected, because it is considered, and rightly I think, that it is for the courts of law, who have or should have a full knowledge on these points, to consider them in awarding the sentence, and if any prisoners under sentence were subjected to harsher or milder treatment in consequence of any knowledge the prison authorities might have of his previous character, it might be that he would practically be punished too much or too little, and on information much less complete and impartial than the court of law would have at its command. The Government would always be liable to charges of showing favour to or prejudice against certain particular prisoners, and any feeling of the kind would be fraught with danger and inconvenience." A short-term prisoner will go to the local prison, the borough or county goal as it is used to be called. One under a long sentence will go either to Pentonville or Wormwood Scrubbs, and in the case of women to Millbank, and will there undergo what is intended to be the same punishment as the shorter-term prisoners in the local prison. There will be nine months' during which the prisoner passes his whole time, except stated intervals for prayers and exercise, at work in solitary confinement. This period used to be eighteen months, but it was found to have an unmitigably enfeebling effect on the minds of the prisoners, and nine months is now the limit. A prisoner sentenced for nine months or less, or any shorter period, will spend the whole of it in solitary confinement, and employed at some industrial occupation, and under close and constant supervision. They live, however, when not at work or at exercise or at chapel, in solitary confinement unless sick or invalid.

Our prison system has been carefully framed with the view of giving every prisoner as strong a motive as possible for working steadily and behaving well; prisoners under sentence for life are no exception to this rule. Every good mark, and entitles them, should they ever regain liberty, to a small gratuity. But the most important fact for them is that upon these marks will depend their classification while in prison, and their chance of ever getting out. A prisoner, during the first twelve months is in the "probation class," and nine months out of the twelve, as has been said, he is in solitary confinement. During the other three he must gain two marks. While in this class a convict wears the ordinary prison dress without cap. He will earn no money, but he will be allowed one period of exercise on Sunday, can have no visits from friends, and cannot write or receive letters, except one at the end of his period of close confinement. Twelve months is the minimum time for this class, and a prisoner may be detained in it longer or shorter, as the prison authorities may think fit. After the first twelve months may come advancement to the "second class," in which must be earned two marks, and a prisoner may be detained in it longer or shorter, as the prison authorities may think fit. A prisoner may be advanced to a "third class" after six months, and may then be allowed a visit from friends, and may write and receive letters, except one at the end of his period of close confinement. Twelve months is the minimum time for this class, and a prisoner may be detained in it longer or shorter, as the prison authorities may think fit. After the first twelve months may come advancement to the "third class," in which must be earned two marks, and a prisoner may be detained in it longer or shorter, as the prison authorities may think fit. A prisoner may be advanced to a "fourth class" after six months, and may then be allowed a visit from friends, and may write and receive letters, except one at the end of his period of close confinement. Twelve months is the minimum time for this class, and a prisoner may be detained in it longer or shorter, as the prison authorities may think fit.

wears the ordinary convict dress with black facings, an advancement to the second class he will be adorned with yellow facings, and letters and visits may be enjoyed once in four months. The gratuity may be 18s. instead of 12s. A second-class prisoner may have, instead of gruel, either tea or two ounces of additional bread, and on Sundays he will be allowed two periods of exercise. First-class prisoners wear blue facings on their dress. They may receive friends for half an hour once in three months, and may write and receive a letter once during the same period. They are awarded a gratuity at the rate of 30s. for twelve months until they have earned altogether 3s. They may have tea or bread instead of gruel, and baked instead of boiled meat, and they are allowed exercise three times on Sundays. No prisoner can attain the first class, unless under some special circumstance, until he can read and write. There is a special class to which a man may attain by very careful and industrious conduct, and in which he will wear a blue dress. The great advantage of enrolment in this special class is that it may secure over and above the ordinary remission of sentence—which amounts to about one-fourth of the whole time—a further remission not exceeding one week. In comparatively short sentences this of course is a consideration, but in a life sentence it must appear dimly small, and indeed can hardly be said to apply to convicts under such sentences. A man's only hope of ever obtaining release, however, depends on his conduct in prison; and the fact of his moving steadily up from probation to the second, first, and special classes will afford him every reason to hope that, notwithstanding his dreadful doom, he may yet—even though it may be when he is a weary, broken old man—once more walk abroad in the world. It may be added that after the nine months of solitary confinement convicts are removed to public works, prisons, and as far as possible are employed at any trade they may have a knowledge of.—*Daily News*.

## MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.  
The O. & C. S. Co's steamer *Arabic*, with the next American mail, left Yokohama on the 9th instant, for this port, and is due here on the 15th.

THE INDIAN MAIL.  
The direct steamers, with the next Indian mail, left Calcutta on the morning of the 7th instant, and may be expected here on the 23rd.

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

FROM MESSRS. FAIRBANKS & CO'S REGISTER.	
VENTILATED.	
Barometer—P.M.	30.158
Barometer—A.M.	30.165
Thermometer—P.M.	78
Thermometer—A.M.	76
Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb)	73
Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb)	71
Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb)	72
Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb)	70
TO-DAY.	
Barometer—P.M.	30.158
Barometer—A.M.	30.165
Thermometer—P.M.	78
Thermometer—A.M.	76
Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb)	73
Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb)	71
Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb)	72
Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb)	70

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the SOCIETY will be held at the Head Office, on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1882 and for the half-year ending 30th June 1883.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
DOUGLAS JONES,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 11th October, 1883. [767]

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## NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 10th October, 1883. [766]

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Hongkong, 16th October, 1882. [393]

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**WOO LIN YUEN,**  
Secretary.  
**HEAD OFFICE,**  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

**YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.**

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00.  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00.  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 318,435.56.

TOTAL CAPITAL and  
ACCUMULATIONS 31st  
March, 1883.....Tls. 968,435.56.

**DIRECTORS.**  
F. D. HITCH, Esq., Chairman.  
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**HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.**  
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.  
**LONDON BRANCH.**  
Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co.,  
Bankers.

**RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,**  
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all  
parts of the world.  
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the  
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually dis-  
tributed among all Contributors of Business (whether  
Shareholders or not) in proportion to the  
premiums paid by them.

**RUSSELL & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 25th May, 1883. [83]

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

**THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of**  
MR. G. A. GROSSMANN in connection with  
the firm of GROSSMANN & Co. is hereby  
declared on the 31st August, 1883.

**GROSSMANN & Co.**  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1883. [710]

### NOTICE.

FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.  
will conduct our Business at this Port, and  
all Communications should be addressed to them.  
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. will also act as Agents  
at this Port for our line of Steamers.

**GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.**  
Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [660]

**MR. RUTON'S DADABHOY TATA**  
is authorized to receive from  
the Government of India  
the sum of Rs. 10,000.  
TATA & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st October, 1883. [744]

## To be Let.

### TO LET.

"STOCKWELL COTTAGE" near to the  
Kowloon Club, British Kowloon, con-  
taining Four Rooms and Large Centre Room,  
Servants' Rooms and Outhouses, Gardens and  
Tennis Lawn, &c. Within Three Minutes Walk  
of the Pier.  
For Particulars, apply to  
**STEPHENS & HOLMES,**  
Solicitors.  
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1883. [713]

### TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us  
No. 11, Queen's Road Central.  
For further Particulars, apply to Messrs.  
**RUSSELL & Co.**  
**GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.**  
Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [667]

### TO LET.

**N O. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,**  
lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY.  
"BISNEE VILLA" Pokfulum, Furnished.  
Apply to  
**DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.**  
Hongkong, 31st August, 1883. [7]

## Intimations.

### SPECIAL NOTICE.

**A CIRCULAR HAS BEEN ISSUED**  
FROM  
8, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE  
BY  
**M. R. A. HAHN,**

in which that person states he has decided  
to form what he calls a  
"CLUB FOR CAPTAINS,"  
in order to supply a want, which, he says, exists  
for such an institution, to provide Captains  
of vessels visiting this harbour with  
accommodation for obtaining  
MEALS AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS  
AT ALL HOURS.

This circular states that the Captains of  
vessels coming to Hongkong are badly catered  
for by the few so-called Hotels, and in so doing  
grossly libel the Hotel and Innkeepers of the  
Colony.

Mr. HAHN intends to provide a place where  
Meals can be had at all hours, and where  
Captains can meet and discuss any matters of  
importance in connection with seafaring interests.  
Each Room will be Elegantly and Comfortably  
FURNISHED, and a BILLIARD TABLE and  
a PIANO will be provided in each room. There  
will also be MUSICAL EVENINGS and  
DANCING during the winter.

On behalf of the HOTEL and INNKEEPERS  
of Hongkong, I protest against Mr. HAHN, who  
carries on Business as a Piano tuner and repairs,  
or any other person, being permitted to intrude  
on our rights by establishing what is simply  
AN UNLICENSED PUBLIC HOUSE. We  
pay the Government a sum of \$300 per annum  
for a spirit license, and \$50 per annum for each  
billiard table and have, besides, to close our  
places at certain hours. Mr. HAHN proposes  
to SELL SPIRITS and other LIQUORS, to  
run THREE BILLIARD TABLES and to  
KEEP OPEN AT ALL HOURS without  
paying any license whatever.

How can such a Club as this be legally  
established for persons who are non-resident in  
the Colony? Mr. HAHN refers to the Engineers  
Institute, but that association, which is con-  
ducted by resident Engineers, does not Sell  
Spirits, does not run Billiard Tables, nor does it  
Keep Open House for the supply of Refresh-  
ments at all hours, or give Musical and Dancing  
evenings.

It is the duty of the authorities to protect the  
interests of the Hotel and Innkeepers, and to  
see that the laws are not violated by the  
establishment of UNLICENSED PUBLIC  
HOUSES of the class of this proposed "Cap-  
tains' Club." We do not object to legitimate  
Clubs, but Mr. HAHN's proposed enterprise is not  
a Club in any sense of the term.

This is not the first attempt that this person  
has made to run a business of this kind without  
paying a license. Not so long ago he gave  
Italian Night Entertainments at Kowloon, which  
became a regular haunt of the gay women of  
the Colony, but as a license to sell drink was  
refused, both the Italian Entertainments and  
Mr. HAHN soon came to grief. He afterwards  
had a so-called Club, where Masquerade dances  
were a special attraction, but this also fell  
through. And now comes this "Captains' Club"  
for non-residents.

It is for the authorities to investigate this  
matter and to put a stop to any attempt to  
evade the law.

**A HONGKONG INNKEEPER.**  
Hongkong, 29th September, 1883. [729]

**ROYAL YORK HOTEL,**  
OLD STYKE, BRIGHTON, ENGLAND.

THE above HOTEL is Centrally situated,  
with Suitable Rooms and ample accom-  
modation for travellers, especially those coming  
from Eastern Climates. FAMILIES and GENTLE-  
men will find every comfort they can wish for at  
the above establishment.

**A. HOADLY,**  
Proprietor.

**"CLARIDGE'S HOTEL,"**  
BROOK STREET, LONDON, W.

THE above is a Commodious and Suitable  
HOTEL for FAMILIES and GENTLEMEN  
going home from the Far East. It is under the  
direct able Management of Mr. and Mrs.  
**GEORGE PRAGNELL,** who spare no pains in  
making their visitors with every possible  
comfort.

**FOR SALE.**  
**H. MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.**  
Quart. 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 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